

ശബരാരും മറ്റും വളരെ ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത മാതിരിയാണ് ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾകൊണ്ട് കാണുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ സ്കൂളുകൾക്കാവശ്യമായ പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ എഴുതുന്നതിനു രൂപം യോഗ്യതയുള്ള ആളുകളെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവർ വലിയ പ്രതിഫലം കൊടുക്കണം. അതിലേക്കു ആളുകളെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനതന്നെ വലിയ വിഷമം വരും. ടെക്സ്റ്റ് ബുക്കുകളുടെ കയ്യെഴുത്തുപ്രതികൾ വാങ്ങി നല്ലതു എടുത്ത് അതിന്റെ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണം ഗവണ്മെന്റു നടത്തുന്നതായിരിക്കും തല്പാലം നന്നായരികുക എന്നു തോന്നുന്നു.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Sir, I also beg to support this motion. I think after all it cannot be very difficult to find out proper text-books, if we follow the line of procedure recommended by the Hon'ble Member for South Ezhuvassery, which I think is also the method contemplated by the Hon'ble the mover himself. Some of the members of the Board may be themselves competent to write books. This is done in certain other places as well. Prizes may be offered for the best books written by literary men and the manuscripts may be subjected to the scrutiny of a competent board and the best books chosen. The prizes itself would be the price of the copyright. The publication may be made by the Government. I do not mean to say that if this method is adopted, all the complaints will disappear. Any scheme adopted by the Government will have its own defects. I am not so optimistic as the Hon'ble mover to think that all the complaints about text-books and the Board of Studies would disappear if this method is adopted. I will not be so optimistic. I am sure even if this procedure is adopted there will be many complaints. But still on the whole perhaps this will be a better method. After all the evils of the present system are due to the fact that there is commercial rivalry between competing publishers. The frequent change of text-books, the high prices, the bad quality, well, all these in a way or other could be traced to the central fact that there is this commercial rivalry between competing publishers and they try to influence people in authority, either legitimately or even illegitimately occasionally. Some of these features might be over-come if the methods suggested now is adopted by the Government. I will not be so optimistic to think that all the complaints will disappear. On the whole I think that this method proposed by the mover, seems to be a better one than what was being done hitherto. I therefore support the resolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I need not say more on the subject. The resolution if read carefully will show that I